

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1571

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GAUGE CONVERSION BETWEEN BIDAR GULBARGA RAILWAY LINE

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has submitted a proposal for Bidar-Gulbarga Broad Gauge Railway line project;
- (b) if so, the details of the total estimated cost of the project;
- (c) the funds allocated for the projects by Railways as well as Government of Karnataka so far;
- (d) the present status of the project; and
- (e) the steps taken to allocate more funds for the project and also to complete the project within the time schedule?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a) : Yes, Sir.
- (b) : The estimated cost of the project is Rs.369.70 crore.
- (c) : The Government of Karnataka have agreed to share 50% cost of the project. Railway have spent Rs.51.76 crore up to March, 2007. An outlay of Rs.20 crore has been allotted for this project in the year 2007-08. The Government of Karnataka have been requested to release sufficient funds out of their share, at the earliest.
- (d) : Land acquisition, earthwork and bridge works etc.for part length have been taken up.
- (e) : The Government of Karnataka have been requested to release sufficient funds out of their share, at the earliest. No time schedule has been fixed for completion of the project.